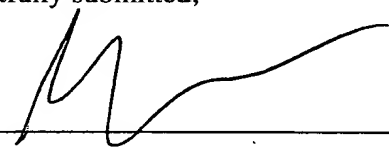


**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendment to the claim be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

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**VERSIONS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

5. (Amended) A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] **claim 1**; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

- (a) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity)  $\geq 96\%$ ; and
- (b) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage  $\leq 7.5\%$ .